

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

April 18, 2017

- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on April 18, 2017. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair; Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair; Christy Kuriatnyk; Dr. Brian Forschler (By Phone); Bodine Sinyard (By Phone); Greg Holley; and Kim Bragg.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Mrs. Kuriatnyk seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. Mr. Lastinger discussed the new Business Naming Policy that was issued as Notice 17-01. He mentioned that last month the Commission made a motion to accept the white paper as the policy. He noted that everyone should have received a copy of the notice.
- E. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- F. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update. He noted that the meeting room has been confirmed for the May 9th meeting in Tifton, Georgia. The May meeting Public Notice 17-02 was posted on April 6th. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and will be located in room 19 of the UGA Tifton Conference Center which is located at 15 RGC Road in Tifton. He noted that the Commission will also tour the UGA Farmstead structures to look at new construction technology. Dr. Forschler provided a slideshow to show the construction and building components of the Farmstead structures. The tour will provide an opportunity to discuss potential construction related pest issues and concerns. There could be further discussions to raise consumer awareness regarding the risks and benefits of new construction techniques and materials.
- G. Mr. Tommy Gray provided the Department update. He noted that they are closely watching the federal budget cuts as these will impact the Plant Industry Division. He mentioned a low pathogenic avian influenza incident that occurred in Chattooga County. GDA employees including Plant Industry Division staff worked diligently to address the incident on a poultry farm. Lastly, he discussed Georgia's blueberry industry and the impact of the recent freezing temperatures on production.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He noted that the program was recently contacted by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection with the Port of Savannah. They contacted the Department in regards to bee swarms that come into the port on the ships and import restrictions. Mr. Lastinger asked if there might be a need to hold a workshop to focus on pollinator protection and bee management and removal. The training could also address rules, regulations and removal techniques. He agreed to contact Dr. Dan Suiter to discuss the issue further. He also mentioned the recent market bulletin article on pest

control awareness month. The article was sent out to all media contacts through the communications office.

- I. Mr. Taylor provided the renewal update. He noted that certified operators should receive license renewal notices by mail in two weeks. Renewals will also be sent by email to the email address on file. License renewals for the company and registered employees will be sent out mid-May. In response to a request from the Commission, Mr. Taylor noted that over 500 companies were not in compliance with insurance requirements according to licensing records. He urged companies to submit updated insurance forms so that the company license can be renewed next month. Once the company renewal notices are received, the company can add or delete registered employees and renew certified operators attached to the company license. Renewal payments can be paid online and there are no extra fees to the licensee for this service.
- J. Ms. Jenny Wren provided the administrative enforcement summary. (see Attachment 3).
- K. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on rulemaking. He noted that the *Notice of Intent to Consider the Adoption of Amendments to Rules 620-1, 620-3 and 620-6* will be posted on April 21, 2017. The notice will be mailed to certified operators and sent by email to all company licensees and certified operators that have an email address on file. The notice provides a synopsis of each proposed rule change. In addition to the notice and synopsis, a marked version and clean version of the three chapters will be posted on the legal notices webpage. The comment period for the rule changes will be from April 21st to the close of business (4:30 pm EDT) on May 22, 2017. Comments can be submitted by email to spcc@agr.georgia.gov or by mail. There will be a public hearing scheduled for May 23rd at 9:30 AM in room 201 of the Agriculture Building.
- L. Mrs. Lauren Fralick provided the legislative update.
- M. Mr. Gorecki provided the NPMA update noting port fumigation issues at a port in New Jersey.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

Chris Gorecki, Chairman

Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

Agenda

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Open –Chairman Gorecki

Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- a. New Company Applications – Tim Taylor
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates
 - Department - Tommy Gray
 - Program– Derrick Lastinger
 - License Renewal 2017 – Tim Taylor
 - Enforcement – Jennifer Wren
- d. Rulemaking
- e. Public Notice 17-01 & 17-02
- f. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- g. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- h. Certification Examination Application Review

Adjournment

Attachment 2

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Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Anthem Pest Control LLC DBA Anthem – Buford
- DueSouth Pest Prevention, LLC – Newnan
- Trugreen – McDonough (Sub Office)
- Akima Global Services – Fort Gordon

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Citadel Pest Management, LLC (name change).
- Best Pest (Name Change)

Name Change

- Hankey Pest Control (100259) to Green Queen
- Georgia Technologies of Marietta, LLC (98248) to Southern Seasons Pest Solutions, LLC
- Douglas Pest Control (98969) to DPC Services Termite & Pest Control

Administrative Action Violation Report

The graph shows the frequency of violations cited in administrative cases resulting from inspections dated July through December 2016. Many cases involved multiple violations, but this chart only includes those violations that generate administrative action.

Administrative cases are enforcement actions that may include a monetary penalty, training requirement and/or license suspension/revocation.

